

FRANCE IN PACES ARMS AGREEMENT

BRITISH RATIFY TREATY DESPITE ULSTER'S FIGHT

Northern Leaders Charge Broken Promises Against Lloyd George.

DAIL VOTES MONDAY

De Valera and Griffith Issue Statement Counseling Maintaining Calm.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Proposed cheering greeted the announcement Friday afternoon that both houses of the British parliament had ratified the treaty creating the Irish free state by a majority of 100. The house of commons, immediately after the vote was taken, approving the reply to the king's speech from the throne, which meant ratification of the treaty, recessed until Monday to await action on the treaty by the Dail Eireann, which is deliberating in Dublin. The Ulsterites and "die-hards" fought bitterly in a last desperate attempt to turn the tide, which it was seen would overwhelm them. Charges of broken promises were hurled at both Prime Minister Lloyd George and Austin Chamberlain, government leader in the house. Thomas Moles, member for Belfast, one of the last speakers in the debate, dramatically declared: "Ulster cannot and will not yield a yard of ground."

Concluding his attack, with eyes fixed upon the ministerial bench he shouted:

"Do, for God's sake, try to keep faith with somebody." Maj. Robert O'Neill, speaker of the northern parliament, and other Ulsterites brought their heaviest oratorical guns to bear on the provision of the treaty relating to the appointment of a boundary commission to draw the line between north and south Ireland in case Ulster decided to remain aloof from the treaty. They laid great stress upon the point that this provision of the treaty was inserted without the consent of Ulster.

DAIL VOTES MONDAY.

By Associated Press.

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—A vote on the question of ratification of the peace treaty between Ireland and Great Britain will be taken at a public session of the Dail Eireann Monday morning at 11 o'clock, according to an announcement made public Friday night signed by Eamon De Valera and Arthur Griffith.

The announcement, issued through the publicity department of the Dail Eireann, follows:

"The private sessions of the Dail Eireann will end Saturday evening, and a motion for ratification of the treaty will be made at a public session at 11 o'clock Monday. We are (Continued on page two.)

PURDUE STUDENTS DRIVEN TO STREET

Destructive Fire Guts Fraternity House — Fireman Probably Fatally Hurt.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 16.—Thirty-four Purdue students were rendered homeless and \$25,000 damage done by a fire which gutted the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house here Friday night. The fire started on the first floor and was carried to the roof through a dumb waiter shaft. A high wind fanned the flames and before the occupants of the house, about 20 of whom were girls attending a dance at the place, were aware of it the entire roof was on fire. E. R. Bush, a student, was trapped on the third floor and jumped to safety just as the roof caved in. Nimrod Jones, a fireman, was perhaps fatally hurt when he was struck on the head by a heavy piece of cornice dislodged by a stream of water. The house was one of the most beautiful in Lafayette and was finished throughout in maple and walnut. It is located on South st., in one of the city's finest residential sections. Flying sparks endangered many homes in the vicinity, but a close watch prevented the flames from spreading. Many of the students lost all of their possessions, while a number of girls rushed from the house without their wraps, all of which were consumed.

JUST TO REMIND YOU

8 DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS



Former Senator To Deliver Talk At Rotary Meet

Albert J. Beveridge Will Be Guest of Local Club at Dinner Wednesday.



Hon. Albert J. Beveridge.

Because of the unusual interest in the forthcoming visit of the Hon. Albert J. Beveridge, former senator, the Rotary club has arranged for a 6:30 o'clock dinner Wednesday evening instead of the usual weekly luncheon.

The meeting will be limited to Rotarians, their friends and ladies, and reservations for seats must be in the hands of E. T. Bonds, of the Rotary club, by Wednesday morning.

Recent addresses by the former senator have attracted national attention and his comments on the trend of affairs are being watched carefully and given unusual consideration.

His address on Wednesday evening will have as its subject "The Plight of Business," and will be discussed from a financial, not a political standpoint.

His return to leadership in his own party is one of the possibilities of the near future, although his activities at this time are limited to the advancing of principles of government which he believes will aid in the solution of many pressing problems.

STEAMSHIP RAMS U. S. DESTROYER

Passenger Liner Panama Cuts Into Side of Graham and Holds Fast.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Six members of the crew of the United States destroyer Graham were injured Friday night in a collision with the passenger liner Panama, off Sagitt, N. J.

The bow of the Panama cut into the starboard side of the destroyer and held her fast. No attempt was made to draw the vessels apart before the arrival of wrecking tugs and other craft from the navy yard in answer to wireless calls for assistance.

Three hours after the accident, a radio message from the Panama said that the destroyer was resting easily across her bow and that the injured were receiving medical aid from the liner's surgeon and a doctor from the steamship Gen. George W. Goethals, which had reached the scene of the accident.

SMALL WILL KNOW FATE NEXT WEEK

Court Will Hand Down Decision on Whether Indictments Shall Be Quashed.

Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 16.—Gov. Len Small and Vernon Curtis, Grant Park, Ill., banker, will know before Christmas whether they must stand trial on the indictments charging them with embezzlement of state funds, conspiracy and operating a confidence game.

The state Friday completed its arguments in opposition to the defense motion to quash the indictments. Saturday C. C. Leforge, chief counsel for the governor, will complete his reply and Judge Claire C. Edwards, Sunday will begin consideration of his decision. Judge Edwards announced Friday that he expected to have his decision ready next week. The court has previously indicated that if he upholds any part of the indictments he will set the case for trial starting Jan. 3.

James A. Wilkerson, assistant attorney general of Illinois, and Edward Free, assistant state's attorney of Sangamon county, presented the state's arguments Friday. They declared the indictments were properly drawn by a lawfully selected grand jury.

DENY RUMOR OF CUT IN PRICE OF FORDS

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 16.—In a formal statement Friday E. G. Liebold, general secretary of the Ford Motor Co., declared that the Ford Co. was not contemplating any change in the price of the Ford car. The statement was issued in connection with a rumor originating in New York banking circles that such a reduction was expected.

REED PROPOSES REFERENDUM ON PACIFIC TREATY

Will Send Pact to People Just as Was Done With Versailles Covenant.

ADMINISTRATION SILENT

Spokesmen Maintain Agreement Does Not Obligate United States to War.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—While another assault on the four power Pacific treaty was in progress Friday in the senate, administration spokesmen took their first notice of the senate discussions and let it be known that they did not regard the treaty as imposing an obligation to take up arms.

No provision of the new agreement, it was declared in high administration circles, obligates any one of the four powers to take military measures in pursuance of decisions reached by consultations among them. It was added that any such guarantee did not, in any sense, represent the spirit of the treaty.

Interpret "Pacific Region."

The officials were not willing to go further in interpreting the pact, but in response to questions they reiterated their understanding that "the region of the Pacific ocean," as the term is used in the treaty text, includes the principal islands of the Japanese empire and Australia and New Zealand as well. British spokesmen have endorsed that application of the term and have declared it to be the unanimous understanding on which the treaty was signed.

"U. S. Gains Nothing"—Reed.

The attack on the treaty in the senate during the day was made by Sen. Reed, democrat, Maine, who referred the question of including Japan proper within the scope of the pact and declared an obligation was included for protection of Japanese territorial integrity. He again characterized the arrangement as an alliance by which the United States would have little to gain and much to lose.

Sen. Reed also declared the four power pact might compel the United States to go to war against China or Russia. On this point official administration spokesmen have insisted repeatedly that the treaty in no way affects the mainland of Asia and could not be invoked in relation to the treaty, repeated on Chinese or Russian jurisdiction.

ADMINISTRATION SILENT.

Further than this there has been no attempt by the administration to interpret or explain the language of the treaty, repeated on Chinese or Russian jurisdiction.

The same attitude of silence has been adopted by administration spokesmen, and after three hours of the treaty, repeated on Chinese or Russian jurisdiction.

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DECKER ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

Jury Deliberates Nearly Five Hours and Reaches a Verdict on Fourth Ballot.

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Dec. 16.—Fred Decker was found not guilty Friday night of the charge of murder placed against him in connection with the death of LeRoy Lovett, an Elkhart youth. Lovett was murdered as part of a plot to obtain \$20,000 insurance, according to the state's contention, and Decker was pictured as the "brains" of the plot.

His brother, Virgil Decker, is serving a life sentence at the state prison for the murder.

JURY OUT FIVE HOURS.

The jury reached a verdict within 4 hours and 45 minutes after it began its deliberations. Four ballots were taken, the first two being 3 to 2 and the third 10 to 2. The fourth was unanimous for acquittal.

Announcement of the verdict was greeted with enthusiasm by the court crowd. Mrs. Decker, wife of the defendant, collapsed.

Story of Crime.

Lovett was found fatally injured at a railroad crossing near Atwood, Ind., last March. Following his death the state charged that Fred Decker attempted to identify the body as that of his brother, Virgil Decker. The body was finally identified by Lovett's parents.

Following an investigation of Kosciusko county authorities, Virgil Decker was declared missing and he was later arrested at Marion, Ind. He was then indicted by a grand jury and following a trial was sentenced to the state prison for life. During his trial testimony was offered to the effect that shortly before Lovett's death Decker had taken out insurance policies which would pay \$20,000 in the event of his death. The state also sought to establish that Virgil Decker and Lovett bore a close resemblance and that it was the plan of members of the Decker family to identify Lovett's body as that of Virgil and thus collect the insurance.

As a result of the acquittal of Fred Decker, of near Atwood, tried at Columbia City on a charge of complicity in the murder of LeRoy Lovett, of Elkhart, at a point near Atwood March 12 last, it is probable that similar cases pending in the Kosciusko circuit court against Cal Decker, brother, and Mrs. Lydia Decker, mother, both of Elkhart, will be dismissed.

Marshal Foch Returns to Native Country



Probably no native of a foreign land ever received such a welcome in the United States as Ferdinand Foch, generalissimo of the allied armies. And none a warmer Godspeed upon departure. Above is a portion of the crowd that acclaimed Foch in New York as he left on the Paris for home, and a close-up of him as the Paris sailed.

WALL STREET BOMB SUSPECT REPORTED CAUGHT IN WARSAW

Cousin of Rosa Luxemburg Claimed to Have Made Confession to Polish Police.

By Associated Press.

WARSAW, Dec. 16.—A man by the name of Wolfe Lindenfeld, alias William Linde, has been arrested by the Polish police here as a suspect in connection with the Wall street explosion in New York Sept. 18, 1920. The Warsaw police said they made the arrest at the request of the American department of justice.

They claimed to have in their possession the notes of a full confession of being connected with the disaster.

Cousin of Sain Radical.

Lindenfeld is a cousin of Rosa Luxemburg, the German radical socialist leader who was shot to death in Berlin early in 1919, after having been beaten by a mob. His confession, the police state, gives the names of the ring leaders and the New York city addresses where the bomb was manufactured and says also that the bomb was intended for J. P. Morgan, but exploded prematurely.

Willing to Return.

Silverster Cosgrove, an American department of justice agent, at whose request, in behalf of the department, the suspect was arrested, declared that Lindenfeld has agreed to turn state's evidence and is willing to return to America, where he has a wife and two children in New York.

\$50,000 For Job.

The suspect's written confession, according to the agent, says that \$50,000 was promised for the job, to be divided among four or five persons, and that the money was received by New York communists from the Moscow third international.

Lindenfeld left New York early last spring. The Polish police say he was exposed in Warsaw in 1920 as a Russian secret agent, fleeing to America shortly afterward. According to Cosgrove and Paul Attendorf, who trailed Lindenfeld, the suspect in his confession names five persons who shared the money for the job. One of the principals the confession shows, was a woman, from whom a window opposite Mr. Morgan's office, observed the financier's movements, for days, and from her reports the bomb was timed to explode about the usual time Mr. Morgan came out for luncheon.

Explosion Premature.

The confession, as described by the American agents, terms the premature explosion of the bomb as a "mistake."

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Rail Heads See Gloomy Outlook

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Renewed arguments against general rate reductions by the Interstate Commerce Commission were made Friday by spokesmen for the railroads in three districts of the United States. Arguments were based, the spokesmen explained, on statistical studies of earnings and the effect upon rates of rates and traffic fluctuations.

T. C. Powell, vice president of the Erie, was the witness for eastern carriers; W. C. Maxwell, vice president of the Washash lines, spoke for the mid-western territory, and George W. Lamb, auditor for the association of railway executives, made the presentation for the southern district.

The action for lower rates worked to decrease traffic, Mr. Powell said, while Mr. Maxwell asserted "that the outlook would be gloomy indeed for the central railroads if the rates were not decreased."

FINISH TESTIMONY IN MERGER HEARING

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Testimony for and against the amended petition of the Indiana Electric Corp. for permission to take over and merge seven Indiana public utilities and issue securities for the purchase of the Central Freight association, including most mid-western territory, and George W. Lamb, auditor for the association of railway executives, made the presentation for the southern district.

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Urchin's Appeal Gains Sympathy From "Stranger"

Tower of Babel Fund Proves Existence of Santa Claus to City's Needy.

"Say, mister, buy my last paper for a penny, will you?"

He was just a ragged street urchin, with a dirty face and muddy clothes, but in his eyes was an appeal not to be denied—the appeal of a hungry youngster.

The man in the derby bought the paper, took the boy to a restaurant, and while the lad was digging into a real plate of steaks and mashed potatoes he told a Christmas story that even Bill Armstrong could not phrase as effectively:

"There Ain't No Santa."

"There ain't no Santa Claus, 'cause my ma says if there was he'd bring us something to eat. He ain't never come to our house, and I guess he ain't never going to."

"Ma wants to take in washings, but she can't. We only got one room and three ain't hardly room for the beds. The 'Sis' is always in bed. There's something the matter with her back. Mary's always got to stay with her."

"Pa? I never see him any more. They took him away one day, the day they let me ride in a big automobile. Ever since, Ma makes me go out and sell papers; she says I have to get the bread for her. Gee! we never have enough and I work until we're late at night too."

Applauds Food.

"Gosh! this stuff is good. But it's all I can eat now."

The urchin clambered off the stool and with many backward glances at the man in the derby he started for the one room somewhere in South Bend's west end.

That's all of the story, Mr. Reader, but Bill Armstrong at the adjacent desk says:

"Tell 'em the Tower of Babel fund is wide open. We're going to show this boy and his 'ma' that there is a Santa Claus."

BRIAND WILL TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT GERMANY'S DEFAULT

High Official View of Premier's Stand Is That Reparations Must Be Paid.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Premier Briand is receiving comment on Germany's default of the reparations payment due in January for the talk which he will have in London the coming week with Premier Lloyd-George.

High official circles, however, declare that it is known Mr. Briand will take the position that Germany's attempt to declare bankruptcy is fraudulent and that before any other question is considered steps must be taken to prevent her avoiding payments by the simple declaration that she is insolvent.

These quarters would prefer to understand the premier will propose that the supreme council consider the question of reparations in the light of the measures, exclusive of further military occupation, provided for in the treaty of Versailles, are most feasible and most likely to produce the desired result of improving German finances and at the same time assuring payments to the allies.

Among these measures is the appointment of a debt commission for Germany with power to take control of customs duties, tax revenues from monopolies and administer them.

REICHSTAG ADDRESSED.

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Chancellor Wirth appeared before the foreign affairs and other committees of the reichstag Friday and made a statement outlining the new policy of the German government in regard to reparations. He announced that the government was ready to meet the January and February reparations installments.

He argued that the fact that the most competent quarters of one of the greatest financial countries in the world had declared that under the conditions governing Germany's reparations obligations no loan was possible in England meant that it was not alone the credit question which stood in the foreground, but that the whole reparations problem must be brought up afterward.

Germany, the chancellor continued, now could only await the conversations of the allied statesmen, and he invited the political parties to inform him before Christmas whether he might rely on their support.

UNEMPLOYMENT CUT, SECY HOOPER SAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Employment throughout the country has been greatly relieved as a result of the national conference on unemployment called by President Harding, according to a report issued Friday night by Secy Hoover.

At the time of the conference it was estimated that 3,000,000 persons were out of work—the report said, while Mr. Hoover believes that 1,500,000 and perhaps as many as 2,000,000 men and women were employed Friday who would be out of jobs were it not for the work of the conference.

Concrete results already apparent from the conference, Mr. Hoover said, included the focusing of public opinion for the first time in American history upon employment and organization of municipal relief.

Suspect Ku Klux In Austin Murder

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 16.—Examining trials of 19 Austin citizens charged Friday with the murder of P. R. Clayton, a trolley driver, who was shot Thursday night, will be held Monday. Late Friday 13 of the 19 men had been arrested and released on \$5,000 bond.

Clayton was shot while sitting in an automobile which had halted in an alley next to a building known as the "Ku Klux Klan hall." It was reported that there was a meeting of some nature going on in the hall at the time of the shooting.

Two other taxi drivers were with Clayton at the time of the shooting. The three men were on their way to a dance and had stopped in an alley for a few minutes, when five or six men opened fire on them. Clayton was struck by one bullet and died almost instantly, living long enough, however, to exclaim, "I don't know why they did it."

The committee holding the hearing included L. N. Hines, president of the state normal school, Supt. Ward of the Fort Wayne schools and Supt. Clifford Funderburg of the Huntington schools. Mr. Hines, as chairman, announced after the hearing that the committee would meet Wednesday at Muncie to consider the testimony given at Friday's hearing.

COLD WAVE IN WEST.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 16.—The northern Rocky mountain region Friday was in the grip of a cold wave that sent temperatures down to two degrees above zero at several places, while a general heavy snowfall was reported by the district weather bureau in northern Wyoming and Montana.

NEW OBSTACLE THROWN IN WAY OF 5-5-3 PLAN

Big Naval Program Threatens to Scrap Whole Ship-Scrapping Project.

HOLD SECRET SESSIONS

French Proposal Strikes Directly at Every Phase of American Proposition.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—British spokesmen hurled a bomb shell into conference circles Friday with the announcement that France had asserted before the naval committee of 15 her intention of building between 1925 and 1935 ten capital ships of 35,000 tons each. The statement stood unchallenged from French quarters through the day.

It appeared that a French proposal was submitted at the first meeting of the committee after Secy Hughes had announced the agreement between Great Britain, Japan and the United States to abandon projected building programs, scrap 85 capital ships aggregating nearly two million tons and set their navies in ten years on a 5-5-3 ratio basis between themselves. The only action disclosed at Friday's meeting of the committee of 15 was the agreement not to talk of what was going on until a conclusion had been reached.

Conference "Silent."

The British statement as to French proposals preceded the committee's "no-talk" decision. An official communiqué of Friday's session said merely that the committee met, adjourned and would meet again Saturday.

There were indications that the French group had not concluded presentation of its case in the three hour session of the committee of 15 during the day. They are expected to continue Saturday and it is believed the French delegates are in communication with their government, possibly to seek broader powers.

French spokesmen have repeatedly pointed out that they were without any official knowledge of what was in progress in the "big three" naval negotiations culminating in the triangular agreement. They received the official announcement of the agreement late Thursday and it appeared possible that when the French government had taken time to study closely the three power understanding, modifications in French proposals might be forthcoming.

Points concerning the mode of payment, it was said by the Chinese, were in circulation Friday night, but whether founded on knowledge or hope, could not be determined.

The relentless rule of silence applied to the committee of 15 deliberations prevented any official statement.

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ARREST WOMEN FOR STRIKE DISORDERS

Charge of Unlawful Assemblage Placed Against Kansas Amazons.

PITTSBURGH, Kas., Dec. 16.—Four women said to have participated in demonstrations in which some striking union miners were driven from work early this week, were arrested Friday night and are in the city jail here on charges of unlawful assemblage.

The women are Mrs. Mary Bator, 45 years old, wife of a miner; Mrs. Mary Schubitz, 32 years old, wife of a former deputy sheriff of Crawford county; Mrs. Marie Dalmon, mother of two children; Mrs. Fannie Winkler, widow of a miner.

Sheriff Mill Gould of Crawford county, explained that while the offenses with which they are charged are bailable, the clerk of the district court had closed his office before the women were brought to Pittsburg and it would therefore be impossible for the prisoners to get bonds accepted before morning. By direction of R. E. Hopkins, attorney general, visitors have not been permitted to see the women since they were lodged in jail.

One man, Noble Cross of Ringo, also was arrested Friday. He is charged with assault and battery on the four women and is being held in the county attorney's office.

Kansas national guardmen sent here to assist in preserving order Friday night continued to patrol the coal fields. The availability of a strike that an additional battalion of troops was under discussion this afternoon but it was decided no additional men were needed.

CHRISTEN AIRSHIP WITH LIQUID AIR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The army semi-rigid airship Roma, purchased from Italy and recently assembled at Langley field, will be christened with a bottle of the element in which she travels on her arrival here Saturday. The bottle holding the christening liquid will contain air in liquid form. The wave that sent temperatures down to two degrees above zero at several places, while a general heavy snowfall was reported by the district weather bureau in northern Wyoming and Montana.

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